

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **Herbicide Treatment for Orilla Verde Recreation Area**

The Bureau of Land Management Taos Field Office plans on conducting a native habitat restoration project in the Orilla Verde Recreation Area during the week of August 17, 2009. The objective is to remove saltcedar and other nonnative invasive vegetation species, and establish willows, cottonwoods or other appropriate native riparian vegetation for wildlife and recreation values.

The Taos Field Office uses an integrated approach for nonnative plant control employing methods that include hand-pulling, prescribed fire, clipping with hand tools, and chainsaws to control nonnative vegetation. For management of some nonnative invasive species, a herbicide application will be necessary to achieve our goals.

The 2009 project plan is to treat approximately 5 acres that contains scattered saltcedar and Siberian elm trees. The treatment site is located downstream of the Taos Junction Bridge (T. 24 N., R. 11 E., Secs. 10 & 11, see attached project map).

The plan is to treat salt cedar and Siberian elm using a cut-stump treatment method. The herbicide known as HABITAT® (active ingredient Imazapyr) will be applied to the salt cedar and Siberian elm stumps within 15 minutes of the tree being cut down. Work is expected to occur during the week of August 17, 2009, weather permitting. All herbicide applications will be done in accordance with the label and by a New Mexico licensed applicator.

Notices will be posted at the shoreline and roadside prior to treatment. Additional notices will be posted on the BLM website at [www.blm.gov/nm](http://www.blm.gov/nm) and at the Rio Grande Visitor Center in Orilla Verde Recreation Area. Please obey the following use restrictions within the marked/posted treatment areas:

- For safety, the public will be restricted from entering the immediate treatment area while the trees are being cut with chainsaws.
- There are no restrictions on the use of water in the treatment area for recreational purposes, including swimming and fishing.
- There are no restrictions on livestock consumption of water from the treatment areas.

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